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# *The* Declaration *of the Nobility and Gentry of the County of* Stafford, &c.

ON *Tueſday* the 4*th* of this Inſtant *December*, moſt of the Proteſtant Gentlemen of the County of *Stafford* met at *Stafford*, and after ſome time drew up the following Declaration, *viz.*

His Majeſty having iſſued out Writs for the ſummoning of a Parliament to meet at *Weſtminſter* the 15*th* of the next Month, the only viſible way to preſerve the Kingdom, to heal the preſent Diſtractions, to prevent greater, and to procure a Settlement. We the Noblemen and Gentlemen of the County of *Stafford*, whoſe Names are ſubſcribed, being met this 4*th* of *December*, 1688. do heartily wiſh and humbly pray, that his Majeſty would be graciouſly pleaſed to remove from his Preſence and Council, and from all Offices and Places of Truſt, Civil and Military, all ſuch Perſons as are not qualify'd by Law: But in caſe any ſuch Perſons ſhall continue in Office or Arms, and by their underminings and Arbitrary Council, endeavour the further endangering of his Majeſties Perſon and Government. We do declare, that we will with our Lives and Fortunes ſupport and defend the Proteſtant Religion, his Majeſties Perſon, the Laws of the Kingdom, and the Rights and Liberties of the Subject.

In purſuance of this Declaration, ſome of the Gentlemen of this County are getting into Arms: Particularly Mr. *Lewiſon Gower* of *Trentham* with about 50 Horſe lies this Night at *Derby*, being on their March to *Nottingham* to joyn the Earl of *Devonſhire*.

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# The Declaration of the Nobility and Gentry of the County of Stafford, &c.

ON Tuesday the 4th of this Instant December, most of the Protestant Gentlemen of the County of Stafford met at Stafford, and after long time drew up the following Declaration, viz.

His Majesty having Signed our Writs for the summoning of a Parliament to meet at Westminster the 15th of the next Month, the only visible way to preserve the Kingdom, to heal the present Differences, to prevent greater, and to procure a Settlement. We the Noblemen and Gentlemen of the County of Stafford, whole Names are Subscribed, being mesthis 4th of December, 1688. do heartily with and humbly pray, that his Majesty would be graciously pleased to remove from his Presence and Council, and from all Offices and Places of Trust, Civil and Military, all such Persons as are not qualified by Law: But in case any such Persons shall continue in Office of Arms, and by their undermings and Arbitrary Counsel, endeavour the further endangering of his Majesties Person and Government. We do declare, that we will with our Lives and Fortunes support and defend the Protestant Religion, his Majesties Person, the Laws of the Kingdom, and the Rights and Liberties of the Subject.

In pursuance of this Declaration, some of the Gentlemen of this County are getting into Arms: Particularly Mr. Lawson Gower of Trentham with about 50 Horse lies this Night at Derby, being on their March to Nottingham to join the Earl of Derby.